revenue during the current year from the Telephone system is estimated at Rs. 1 lakh and that for the next year at Rs 1·40 lakhs. A provision of Rs 2·00 lakhs has been made for capital works under the scheme.

43. I shall now pass on to review our debt position and explain our ways and means.

Debt Position.

44. The five per cent. Debenture Loan of Rs 14·75 lakhs raised in 1091 matures for discharge on the first day of the next year and it is proposed to repay the same on the due date from the cash balance without recourse to the sale of the securities held in the Sinking Fund investment account. Our debt position at the close of 1117 would stand at Rs 531·65 lakhs consisting of (i) Public loan of Rs. 50·89 lakhs, (ii) Special loan of Rs 79·76 lakhs and (iii) balances at the credit of Provident Funds Insurance Funds, Savings Bank deposits, etc., Rs 401 lakhs. When our Sinking Funds, cash balances, the investments of Government in gilt-edged securities and bullion and the loans advanced by Government to agriculturists, industrialists etc., are taken into account, the debt burden is very small and is more than covered up by our assets and investments on reproductive works.

Ways and Means.

45. Our requirements for the next year for capital works (44·20), for loans, (5·44), and for discharge of the 5 per cent. Debenture Loan of 1091 (14·75) aggregate to Rs 64·39 lakhs. To meet this expenditure there is an opening balance of Rs 44·28 lakhs. A sum of Rs 4·66 lakhs is expected from repayment of loans and advances. There is also a credit of Rs 14·75 lakhs in the Sinking Fund account of the loan to be credited to General Reserve at the beginning of the next year. It has already been stated that our short-term deposits of Rs 30·54 lakhs made during the current year will also mature for realisation early next year. It is expected, that after meeting all the proposed expenditure, there will still be a comfortable closing balance of Rs 65·02 lakhs which would be more than sufficient to cover the ordinary demands of Government. It is accordingly not necessary either to sell the securities held under Revenue Reserve Fund or General Reserve Fund or resort to any additional taxation or borrowing. On the other hand, a debt of Rs 14·75 lakhs would stand discharged. Besides actual cash of Rs 65·02 lakhs, securities and bullion worth nearly Rs 2 crores are expected to stand at the credit of Government and on the whole, the year would close with a financial position as strong as ever before.

Conclusion.

46. Sir, I have been attempting to present to the House a true picture of the finances of the State and to bring home to the Honourable Members some of the outstanding features of the financial

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